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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 6, Dallas, Texas

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Eric Dephouse, Permits Section
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Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300

Dear Mr. Dephouse:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the January 16, 2014, Phillips Creek Mitigation Bank Instrument (PCMB). The PCMB is approximately 248.6 acres and is geographically located in Sabine Parrish and is adjacent to the west boundary of Many, Louisiana. The PCMB will restore and re-establish, the dimension, pattern and profile of approximately 17,694 linear feet of degraded/impaired stream resource, re-establish 134.8 acres of forested wetlands and rehabilitate 16.4 acres of forested wetlands. Based upon our review, we have the following comment:

F. Validity, Modification, and Termination of the Mitigation Bank

Please add the following text "The initial credit release is typically authorized following the recordation of the conservation easement, execution of the financial assurances requirements, and any other requirements specified in the MBI.

If you have any questions, please call me at (214) 665-7576.

Sincerely,

Donna Mullins
Wetlands Section

Cc: Tom Heger, TPW
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